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LOANS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union government is considering to set up revolving fund with an initial corpus of Rs.100 crore to assist State Governments in preparatory work to expedite implementation of infrastructure projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to provide interest free loans to State Governments for infrastructure projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a)to(d) : Yes, Sir. A revolving fund with a corpus of Rs. 100 crore to quicken the pace of preparation of a shelf of bankable projects which can be offered for competitive bidding was announced by Finance Minister in the Budget Speech 2007-08. Scheme for India Infrastructure Project Development Fund, to operationalise the Fund is under consideration of the Government.